

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A slat for ~~inter alia~~ a conveyor, the slat comprising a [[main]] cartridge receiving body having an upper surface, at least part of which is transparent, and which includes a cavity positioned below the transparent surface for retaining a removable cartridge; and
a load supporting body associated with said cartridge receiving body so that the slat can be installed in an endless conveyor such that loads transported by the endless conveyor will be transported on said load supporting body and the cartridge will not usually be covered by said loads.
2. (Original) A slat according to claim 1, wherein at least one surface of the cartridge carries a decorative pattern and/or indicia.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently amended) A slat according to claim 1, wherein the cavity is defined between at least part of the upper surface of the [[main]] cartridge receiving body and at least part of [[the]] a lower surface thereof.
5. (Currently amended) A slat according to claim 1, wherein ~~one or both~~ the cavity has two ends and at least one of said ends of the cavity is ~~are opened~~ open to facilitate insertion and removal of [[the]] said removable cartridge.

6. (Currently amended) A slat according to claim 1, further comprising means for retaining ~~[[the]]~~ said removable cartridge securely within the cavity.
7. (Previously presented) A slat according to claim 1, wherein the transparent surface is made from tempered glass.
8. (Previously presented) A slat as claimed in claim 1 wherein the transparent surface of the slat is scratch resistant.
9. (Canceled)
10. (Currently amended) A slat according to claim 1, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ said removable cartridge comprises a multi-media device.
11. (Currently amended) A slat according to claim 10, wherein ~~the slat~~ said multi-media device comprises a computerised display screen.
12. (Currently amended) A slat according to claim 10, further comprising electronic means to communicate data to the cartridge thereby to remotely control and change ~~[[the]] data displayed thereon at any given point in time~~ by said removable cartridge .

13. (Currently amended) A slat according claim 12, wherein the electronic means is attached to the underside of the load supporting surface ~~thereby to be protected from articles being placed on the surface in use~~ body .
14. (Previously presented) An endless conveyor having at least one slat in accordance with claim 1.
15. (New) A slat according to claim 1, wherein said cartridge receiving body is inclined relative to the load supporting body.
16. (New) A slat according to claim 1, wherein said cartridge receiving body is pivotally connected to said load supporting body.
17. (New) A slat according to claim 1, wherein said cartridge receiving body is attached to a side of said load supporting body so that when installed in an endless conveyor, the cartridge receiving body will be disposed to one side of the conveyor.
18. (New) A slat for a conveyor, said slat comprising:
- a load supporting body for supporting loads to be transported by said conveyor, said load supporting body having a first side, a second side end and respective ends which when installed in a conveyor are disposed in end to end relationship with adjacent slats of the conveyor ; and

a cartridge receiving body provided with an internal space for receiving a removable cartridge and having a transparent surface portion through which said cartridge can be viewed, said cartridge receiving body being disposed by said first side of said load supporting body such that when installed in said conveyor said load transported by said conveyor is generally supported by said load supporting body and not by said transparent surface portion.

19. (New) A slat according to claim 18, wherein said transparent surface portion of said cartridge receiving body is inclined with respect to said load supporting body.

20. (New) A slat according to claim 18, wherein said cartridge receiving body is pivotally attached to said load supporting body.

21. (New) An endless conveyor comprising at least one slat according to claim 18 which slat has said removable cartridge disposed in said internal space.

22. (New) A slat for a conveyor, said slat comprising:

a load supporting body for supporting loads to be transported by said conveyor;

a cartridge receiving body provided with an internal space for receiving a removable cartridge and having a transparent surface portion through which said cartridge received in said internal space can be viewed, said cartridge receiving body being connected with said load supporting body such that said transparent surface portion is inclined with respect to said load supporting body such that when the slat is installed in

said conveyor said load will tend to be supported by said load supporting body and not obscure said transparent surface portion; and

a removable cartridge including a display screen for displaying electronically received images.